



The Incorrupt Heart Relic of St. Camillus Visits La Paz Parish Anew

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is neither an amulet nor a charm that possesses power because only God has the sole power to give grace to the people and cure the sick. The relic can be a way by which God draws people near to Him.

Many people came to our parish church to venerate the heart relic of St. Camillus, fervently hoping that their petitions would be heard and granted by God through his intercession. The people said that they felt like St. Camillus was in their midst when they venerated his relic.

Youth members from different organizations and the parishioners joyfully came together to give a warm welcome to the heart relic. Much preparation was done to ensure that the visit would be peaceful and successful. Prior to the arrival of the heart relic, several meetings were held so that the visit will be orderly.

On the first day of the visit, youth members from different organizations took charge of the security of the heart relic during the procession from St. Camillus Poly-clinic to the church. Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan, the Camillian vocation director, presented the life of St. Camillus to the people who filled up the church. The Holy Mass followed to formally welcome the heart relic. Fr. Jose Eloja, the Provincial Superior of the Camillians-Philippine Province,

After six years, the incorrupt heart relic of St. Camillus de Lellis returned to the Philippines on Feb. 2, 2019. From the airport, the heart relic was brought straight to Our Lady of La Paz Parish in Makati City. Our parish was indeed grateful, fortunate and blessed for the heart relic visited us a second time and stayed with us until Feb. 4 when after the 6:30am Mass, it was sent off to visit different cathedrals in different dioceses and hospitals nationwide. The journey of St. Camillus' incorruptible heart relic will last until March 31, 2019.

A relic can be the physical remains of a saint or his personal belongings. It is preserved for purposes of veneration, of remembering the good deeds of the saint. It



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We are grateful to the Lord for giving us the opportunity to be visited again by our founder, St. Camillus de Lellis, through his incorrupt heart relic. This is a special blessing and privilege for us in the Philippine Province. It has been six years since the last journey of the heart relic in the Philippines. At that time, it stayed only for over two weeks. However, in this second visit, it is staying for a longer period—two months. The incorrupt heart relic of St. Camillus arrived in Manila on Feb. 2, 2019 and is going around the Philippines until the end of March 2019. With the presence of the heart relic in our midst, we are reminded by St. Camillus, as he often repeated to his brothers, “to put more heart into those hands” in caring for the sick.

“The heart relic of St. Camillus draws its meaning from the heart of Jesus, a ‘burning furnace of charity’ as we say in the litanies of the Sacred Heart. Without reference to the heart of Jesus, we could not explain the extraordinary charity itself of St. Camillus: ‘a charity that proceeded from God and returned to God through love of neighbour, especially of the sick in whom Camillus saw the image itself of his Lord.’ ” (www.camilliani.org, posted by *Ufficio Comunicazione*, 27/05/2016). Here lies the foundation of our Camillian spirituality: seeing Christ in the sick and seeing in us the image of Christ by the sick.

As we venerate the heart of St. Camillus, let us also open our hearts to be educated in order to become more loving, forgiving, compassionate, and merciful especially in dedicating our lives taking care of people who suffer. This is what is attested to and recommended to us by the heart of St. Camillus, a heart which was molded and transformed by the merciful heart of Christ.





presided over the Mass with our parish priest, Fr. Renante Sentillas, and other Camillian priests concelebrating. Public veneration followed after the Mass.

The next day, Sunday, a Mass for the sick was celebrated at 9:30am followed by the anointing of the sick. The Friends of the Sick of the Lay Camillian Family helped hand-in-hand to gather all our sick brothers and sisters to attend the Holy Mass, be anointed and venerate the relic.

During the intervals between the regular Sunday Masses from morning til evening, the relic was made available for public veneration and after the last Mass in the evening, public veneration lasted for two hours more. On the following day, we celebrated a farewell Mass.

We truly had an amazing experience when the heart relic came. For the youth members of the different organizations and all other church workers, the event provided an experience of unity as each one of us performed our assigned tasks. We also felt that the many people who flocked to La Paz were one in their desire to feel the grace of God through the heart relic of St. Camillus. All in all, we felt inspired to do our best to dedicate our lives to the service of God through our brothers and sisters, just like what St. Camillus did when he was still alive. We were also moved to ask God to transform our hearts into a repentant heart, a caring heart, a healing heart, a compassionate heart and a holy heart.

In Memory of Fr. Antonio Didone (1933–2018)



In December 2018, a marker in honor of the late Fr. Antonio Didone was unveiled at the new staff dormitory building near St. Mary's Hospital Luodong led by Frs. Giuseppe Didone, Giovanni Ricci, Henry Angupa II and Br. Paolo Han.

POSTCARD FROM TAIWAN

Fr. Giuseppe Didonè, MI



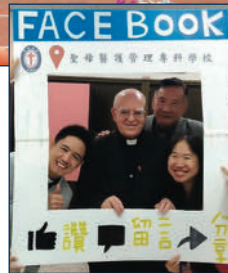
Nov. 23, 2018 – The five Italian religious who received their Taiwanese citizenship last year voted for the first time during Taiwan's national elections.



Dec. 6-7, 2018 – National meeting of all managers of Centers for Handicapped organized by the Camillians of Luodong. About 250 people attended and Fr. Giuseppe Didonè gave a lecture on the need of attention to these people.



Dec. 1, 2018 – Lighting of the Christmas tree at St. Camillus Shrine



Dec. 8, 2018 – 54th anniversary of St. Mary's Nursing College

Br. Joseph Luu Ngoc Khanh of the Camillian Taiwan Delegation was installed to the Sacred Order of Deacons last **Dec. 23, 2018** at the St. Camillus Shrine, Sanxing Township, Yilan County, Taiwan. Most Rev. John Hung, SVD, was the main presider of the Holy Eucharist and some Camillian priests concelebrated.





Before the celebration of the Chinese New Year, it is a custom for the Chinese to invite employees for dinner as thanksgiving for their service during the past year. So on **Jan. 25, 2019**, St. Mary's Hospital invited its employees for a thanksgiving dinner and about 1,200 attended.



On **Feb. 5, 2019**, Chinese New Year was celebrated and there was solemn Mass in all churches followed by the veneration of ancestors, an important part of Chinese culture.



On **Feb. 11, 2019**, after nine days of vacation for the Chinese New Year, employees returned to work and there was a ceremony wishing for prosperity throughout the year.





Camillian Philanthropic Development Office

2ND ASIAN PHILANTHROPIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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On Nov. 21–23, 2018 the CPHDO attended the 2nd Spring Rain Global Asian Philanthropic Development Conference held at Holiday Inn, Bali, Indonesia. Different PDOs (Philanthropic Development Offices) around Asia joined the conference to gain new insights on philanthropy and to strengthen the PDO Ecosystem. Potential donors were also invited so they could learn more about each PDO's advocacies.

On the opening day, Dr. Victor Gonzaga, OSA, talked about the "Spirituality of Philanthropy." After him was Fr. Aleksander Gaut, SVD, who had everybody laughing because of his funny stories while discussing "The Philanthropy Mission among Non-Profit Organizations in Asia and its Sustainability." Mr. Philip Tan, the chairman of Wellmade Motors and Development Corporation gave his perspective on "Philanthropy as Corporate Social Responsibility." Dr. Glenda Antonio and Fr. Francis Lucas were also speakers for the day as they discussed "Leadership Philanthropy Management" and "Communications in Philanthropy Management," respectively. Fr. Bernard

Holzer, AA, ended the day with a workshop on the participants' learnings.

On day 2, "Philanthropy through Peace and Racial Harmony" and "Philanthropy Models" were discussed by Mr. Norazani Shaiddin, Spring Rain Singapore's Director, and Dr. Rob John, a specialist in Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship. Mr. Vincent Lim, Fanfare Global's CEO, then discussed a topic foreign to most of the participants, "Cryptocurrency." That night, the delegates mingled over dinner while celebrating donor-donee relations. New PDOs for year 2018 were inducted and were given the chance to introduce their PDOs.

On the 3rd and final day of the conference, Fr. Roderick Salazar, SVD and Sr. Niceta Vargas, OSA, posted a challenge to establish a strong PDO network. As the last speaker, Mr. Philip Cheng, a business consultant, talked about how to sustain a development office. The ceremonies ended as the delegates sang the Spring Rain Global hymn, "Bridging Hopes."



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PAKISTAN: Camillians moving... to Pakistan?

Fr. Luigi Galvani, MI

Pakistan with a population of 210 million people is considered the second biggest Islamic country in world. The Catholics are only 1% (2,100,000) distributed in seven dioceses.

The religious congregations are limited in number but committed: in education with several schools, in health care with medical institutions and in the media with some Catholic TV stations.

Among them are the Capuchins, Dominicans, Augustinians, Jesuits, Salesians and others. The vocation promotion is encouraging with positive cooperation between the religious and the dioceses regarding formation program for the candidates. In fact, there are only two major seminaries in the whole country: one for the candidates in Philosophy, which is located in Lahore, and the other for theologians in Karachi.

Recently, new hopes were raised for the Camillians to be in Pakistan. Historically, the dream of a Camillian presence in the country started about 18 years ago (2001) when Fr. Rino Metrini from Thailand was invited by an Italian Dominican missionary to supervise the construction of a small hospital in a village in the town of Okara in the diocese of Faisalabad.

Although Fr. Rino remained for only six months, he did not miss the opportunity to promote the Camillian seed. In fact, in that short period of time, three young people were sent to Manila for Camillian training and formation.

Unfortunately, the small seed remained "dormant" for quite some time. Luckily, in 2011, two positive events awakened the Camillian dream: first, the ordination to the priesthood of one of the three people sent to Manila, Fr. Mushtaq Anjum, and secondly, the creation of an active Lay Camillian Family group.

Providentially, other positive and encouraging signs developed for a concrete presence of the Camillians in the country. These were reported by Fr. Luigi Galvani after his recent visit to Pakistan on Sept. 11–17, 2018.

During these days, Fr. Luigi had some positive encounters; among them, he met the representative of the Bishop of the Diocese of Faisalabad, the rector of the Minor Seminary of Faisalabad and some superiors of religious congregations (Dominicans, Capuchins and some congregations of sisters). He also had a friendly telephone call with the new Cardinal Joseph Coutts of Karachi who strongly invited the Camillians in his diocese.

Even the director of the Catholic TV Pakistan of Lahore was very supportive and organized an interview that was aired in the TV channel with Frs. Mushtaq and Luigi talking about the Order and the work of the Camillians in the world.

Another positive news was the blessing of the cornerstone of the first church in honor of St. Camillus promoted by a young parish priest in the diocese of Faisalabad. This is certainly another blessing for a future Camillian presence in Pakistan.

Encouraging also was the meeting with the 30 members of Lay



Camillian Family. They showed great enthusiasm, goodwill and dedication for their ministry especially in visiting weekly the sick and the old people in their homes and hospitals.

The members expressed also deep joy and gratitude to the General Committee of the LCF for the invitation to participate in the international meeting of the LCF in Rome that was held last October 2018. They felt that this was recognition of their apostolate and a great encouragement for expanding the Camillian ministry in other areas of the country.

After all these positive events, what could be the plan for the Camillians in Pakistan? Vocation promotion and formation remain a priority step to be taken.

The encounter with the novice master of the Capuchins in Lahore was an encouragement on this matter. The Capuchins at present have 38 young professed in Philosophy and Theology, 6 novices and a good number of candidates in the Minor Seminary. Similar news was heard from the Dominicans and congregations of sisters.

Thanks to the presence of our Fr. Mushtaq, there are already two young people (aged 21 and 23) who have completed their college studies and are willing to join the Camillians.

At the moment, since there is no possibility to have a Camillian community there yet, the best solution could be to send them to the Philippines or to Indonesia in order to prepare them to be future missionaries in their own country.

In the past, similar experience was done for a group of young Indonesians who, after their formation in the Philippines, returned and now are the foundation of the promising Indonesian Delegation.

Certainly, such proposal has to be discussed and evaluated by the Provincial Council of the Philippines in cooperation with the Indonesian delegation so that a positive and concrete solution could be taken in the near future.

With prayers and hope, may the dream of St. Camillus to see his institute reaching all the countries of the world could become a reality even in Pakistan.

2019: The World Day of the Sick in Maumere

Fr. Mushtaq Anjum, MI

The Camillian Delegation of Indonesia celebrated the 27th World Day of the Sick with two significant celebrations:

a) The first, on Sunday Feb. 10, 2019, in the public hospital of the city of Maumere where the Camillians are rendering pastoral care services. During the celebration the Camillian seminarians, novices, and scholastics together with chaplains shared the joy and good news of love and compassion to people gathered in the chapel of the hospital dedicated to St. Camillus. More than 200 sick received the sacrament of anointing in the chapel and in the different pavilions of the hospital.

b) The second, on Friday Feb. 15, 2019, in the cathedral with the presence of Bishop Edwaldus Martinus Sedu, who presided the concelebrated Holy Mass. It was the first time that such celebration for the sick was held in the cathedral. The choir of Camillian seminarians animated the liturgy with inspiring songs especially during the administration of the sacrament of anointing of the sick, which was received by more than 300 sick people. It was also nice to see the participation of many religious congregations, especially sisters, who congratulated the Camillians for the well-organized celebration and for being inspired in knowing more about the charism of St. Camillus and his deep love for the sick and the poor.



LAY CAMILLIAN FAMILY

LCF Pakistan

LCF-Pakistan Shares Joy on Jesus' Birth

Fr. Mushtaq Anjum, MI – LCF-Pakistan Spiritual Adviser

KARA—Christmas brings joy to the whole humanity and especially to Christians. The LCF-Pakistan, under the leadership of Ms. Asia Aslam and other members, organized an outreach Christmas program and distributed small gifts among the poor and sick people in different areas.

And this Christmas 2018, the LCF-Pakistan helped Mr. Maand build his house. The family saw the intervention as fruit of their answered prayers. The LCF expresses gratitude to the benefactors, especially Fr. Luigi Galvani, for his great help.



Mr. Aslam visits the family of Mr. Maand, bedridden for 12 years. The LCF helped build his fallen house for which the family is grateful.

Ms. Asia Aslam, the president of LCF-Pakistan, visits a man on dialysis.

Quarterly Activity

Discounts were given to Camillus Medhaven elderly residents when they went to the Ayala Malls Marikina Heights last January 12, 19 and 26. Going to the mall is part of their quarterly outdoor activ-

ities. From 1pm to 4pm, they went grocery shopping, had their hair done at the salon and later ate at Bonchon with their caregivers and assistants.



Valentine's Day

One of the traditions during Valentine's Day is to give a card to our loved ones. So on Feb. 14, 2019 at 3pm, the residents were tasked to make a Valentine's card for their family. While they were busy

making the cards, Ms. Eira Jateco and Nurse Dhiana Joyce Dejucos serenaded them and gave them roses. A simple snack was served after the activity.





Our Lady of La Paz Parish

Archimedes cor, Flordeliz Streets, Brgy. La Paz, Makati City

December 30, 2018

A Peaceful Christmas and A Health-Loving New Year to All!

This is to inform all concerned individuals and groups that the Organizers (after consulting the Heads of various Parish Religious Organizations and Groups and Coordinators of all BEC Kawan) of the Fundraising Raffle for the benefit of Our Lady of La Paz Parish have decided to move the draw date to MAY 5, 2019 during the Feast Day of our Parish Patron, Our Lady of La Paz. This is to give ample time to those who aired their desires to help more to the said cause and to reach the needed amount for the renovation, maintenance and improvement of our Parish Church.

We are deeply grateful for your generous support and understanding.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire and guide all families. Amen.

Sincerely,

Signed:

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PPC President

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FB NEWSBITS



Installation and renewal of altar servers during the celebration of the Holy Mass by Fr. Wilson D. Peñaranda on Jan. 6, 2019 at the Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata Parish Church, Bosoboso, Antipolo City.



The youth of the Parish of Nuestra Señora de la Annunciata continue to give cheer to our afflicted brothers and sisters. On Jan. 6, 2019, they visited the sick, sang songs and offered them gifts. (Photos by Lucky Yunque).

A N N I V E R S A R I E S

JANUARY

Birthdays

Fr. Paul Tran To Hoai 02/01/1981
Sch. Bonifonsius B. Lolan 08/01/1990
Fr. Jacob Haw Ran Wong 14/01/1972
Fr. Placido B. De Jose 19/01/1980

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

Fr. Ruben J. Mandin 02/02/1972
Fr. Raimondo Chia Men Yang 10/02/1950
Fr. Jose P. Eloja 13/02/1966
Sch. Benjie Ang 15/02/1994
Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto 16/02/1968
Fr. Joseph Yang Gaochao 20/02/1965
Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva 29/02/1968

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Renato P. Sales 02/02/1990
Fr. Manuel M. Tamayo 02/02/1991
Fr. Jose P. Eloja 05/02/1994
Fr. Aristelo D. Miranda 05/02/1994
Fr. Davide Maria Tai Chuen Lee 10/02/1996

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Matteo Kuo Ching Kao 03/02/1980
Fr. Anthony A. Ongcal 10/02/2018
Fr. Rodel R. Enriquez 11/02/2005
Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan, Jr. 24/02/1996
Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva 24/02/1996
Fr. Henry B. Angupa II 27/02/2016

MARCH

Birthdays

Fr. Renato D. Maliwat 07/03/1977
Sch. Dionisius Juang 10/03/1993
Fr. Anthony A. Ongcal 18/03/1981
Sch. Ardianus Guga 18/03/1992
Fr. Tex Rico V. Buntol 24/03/1971
Fr. Gabriel V. Garcia 24/03/1974
Fr. Rolando J. Fernandez 28/03/1957

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Giuseppe Didone 19/03/1962
Fr. Luigi Galvani 19/03/1966
Fr. Evan Paul A. Villanueva 25/03/1995
Fr. Jacob Haw Ran Wong 25/03/2006

Presbyterate Ordinations

Fr. Ivo Z. Anselmi 02/03/1975

Fr. Ruben J. Mandin 11/03/2000
Fr. Jung Ju Seo 19/03/2016
Fr. Remegio E. Jamorabon 25/03/1986

APRIL

Birthdays

Fr. Alfons Oles 01/04/1977
Sch. Dennis Morales 01/04/1980
Sch. Engelbertus F.A. Klau 05/04/1994
Br. Marcelino S. Digal 13/04/1971
Br. Davide Angelo Cattaneo 21/04/1939

Perpetual Professions

Fr. Diosdado C. Haber 17/04/1993
Fr. Marcelo L. Pamintuan Jr. 17/04/1995
Fr. Samuel A. Cuarto 21/04/1996
Fr. Giovanni Rizzi 24/04/1948

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